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ABSTRACT

Eliminating the unstable employment period for college graduates in the first year or two after graduation, the followup study of the Southern Illinois University (Carbondale) 1972 liberal arts graduates was undertaken in November, 1974. Of 735 liberal arts graduates in 1972, there were 375 respondents. The liberal arts graduates reflected a satisfactory employment rate when comparing their unemployment rates to national rates; their overall unemployment rate was 7.5 percent, ranging from a rate of 12.5 percent for unmarried males to 2.0 percent for married males. Graduates were engaged in a variety of careers (250 job titles) and showed a high level of employment, with over half earning over $10,000 a year and three-fourths listing their job as having career potential. Their major difficulty seemed to be the long process of finding satisfactory employment. Since few of the liberal arts graduates had a job-related major, the results question the assumption that a job-related major is necessary for a satisfactory job. An alphabetized list of the careers of the responding liberal arts graduates itemizes the graduate's college major, career potential assessment, and his/her 1974 yearly salary. A raw data summary of the followup study is also included. (EA)

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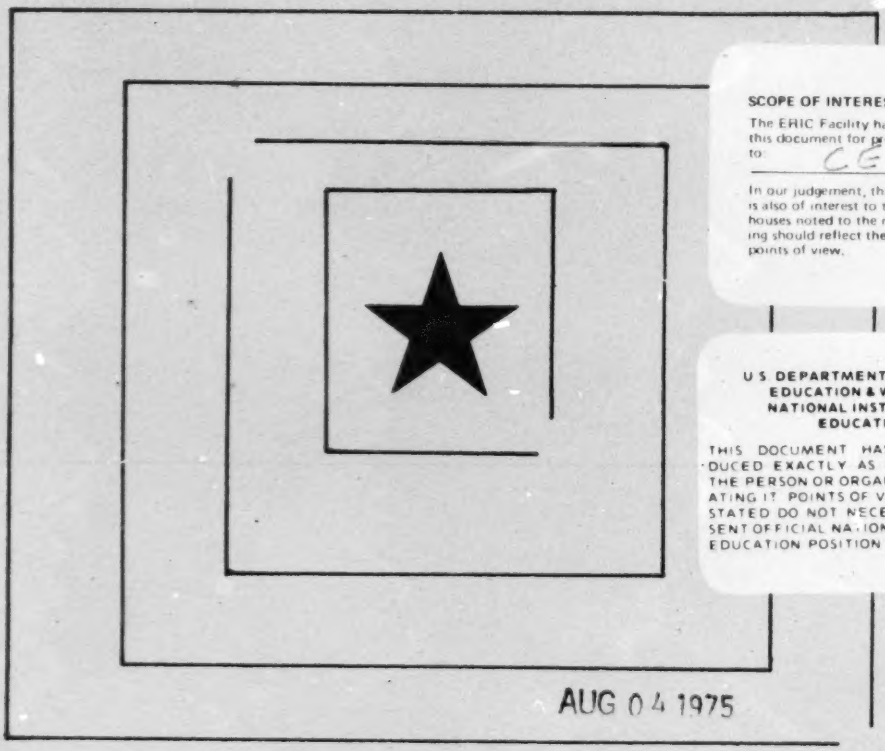
CAREERS FOR LIBERAL ARTS GRADUATES



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EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS TWO YEARS AFTER GRADUATION

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CAREERS FOR LIBERAL ARTS GRADUATES

The liberal arts have been receiving a bad press recently. The quality of education is not being questioned, however, but rather the ability of liberal arts graduates to get jobs, or at least to get good jobs. It is a rare person who has not heard reports of English majors driving cabs while the graduates of more job-related majors get the professional jobs typically associated with a college degree.

The trouble with all such reports--and even with the few existing studies--is that they describe at best only the period soon after graduation, which, in terms of jobs, is the most unstable period for college graduates. The first year or two after graduation is a time of discovery, a time of search, particularly for those who do not use college as career preparation. Information about the careers of liberal arts graduates would have a greater chance of long-term validity if it were gathered a year or two after graduation, once the graduates have had sufficient time to achieve employment stability.

With this as the rationale, a follow-up of the liberal arts graduates of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1972 was undertaken in November, 1974. The picture which emerges from this study is considerably different from the one which the news media and the few existing studies have given. While it does not ignore the difficulties which liberal arts graduates in the labor force have had in finding and deciding upon a career, it gives a picture of the substantial success which these graduates have had in the job market at a time when economic conditions would not seem to favor the liberal arts graduate. If a satisfactory rate and level of employment is the bottom line, then these graduates have done very well indeed.

The following results are particularly significant. First, the overall unemployment rate was 7.5%. While not a particularly low rate, it is important to note that it ranged from a rate of 12.5% for unmarried males to 2.0% for married males. During the period of the survey, the national unemployment rate went from 7.1% in December, 1974, to over 8% in early 1975. The national rate for men aged 20 to 24 (the group into which most male graduates fell) was just over 11% in December, 1974. The national rate for females in this same age group was an even higher 12.7%. For their age group, then, liberal arts graduates had a satisfactory rate of employment.

Second, graduates had an encouraging variety of careers--a list of 250 job titles was compiled in the course of the study.

Third, graduates had a high level of employment: over half were

earning over $10,000 a year, and about three-fourths listed their job as having career potential. Only about 10% of the graduates employed full-time had neither the external rewards typically associated with a college degree nor the internal perception of career potential.

Fourth, the major difficulty facing liberal arts graduates seemed to be the long and often frustrating process of finding satisfactory employment, not the lack of satisfactory employment.

These results suggest that a number of assumptions which people often make about the relationship of education and jobs need to be scrutinized with greater care. For example, the results of this study question the assumption that the only way to find a satisfactory job is to have a job-related major. At the time of the study, 1972 liberal arts graduates had a highly satisfactory level of employment, but few, if any, had a job-related major. The assumption that a liberal arts major is only suitable for a narrow range of occupations is also not substantiated: the range of occupations which liberal arts graduates have entered shows that it is virtually impossible to predict career from college major. Liberal arts graduates enter a variety of careers, and most are satisfied with them.

Students, parents, and educators should not, it seems, be mesmerized by degrees and programs of study that look like job titles. They should realize that the analysis and understanding of ideas may be more effective occupational preparation than something that seems more immediately relevant. A student's choice of major is obviously his or her own choice, but the decision should not be based on the assumption that liberal arts graduates are not employable.

The following table is an alphabetized list of the careers of those liberal arts graduates who responded to the follow-up study. The careers a grouped according to the kind of organization worked for--whether it was a business concern, an educational organization, etc.

In order to give some depth to what might otherwise be a fairly sterile list, selected information about the careers is also provided:

1. The graduate's college major;
2. An assessment of whether the position has career potential;
3. Yearly salary (as of 1974).

One should begin reading in the column on the left and move to the right: each line represents the responses of one graduate concerning his/her particular career. By the way, the term "Stopgap" (which can occur in the column under "Career Potential") has occasionally misled readers: it means that the graduate perceived the job as temporary.

Following this list of careers is a Raw Data Summary of the Liberal Arts Follow-Up Study from which the list was derived. This summary should be self-explanatory.

OCCUPATION	COLLEGE MAJOR	CAREER POTENTIAL	YEARLY SALARY (1974)
BUSINESS/INDUSTRY			
Account Representative	Math	Stopgap	$8000-$10000
Accountant	Psych	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Accounting Clerk	Psych	Definite	$10000-$13000
Accounting Manager	Math	Definite	Above $15000
Administrator-Nursing Home	Psych	Possible	$10000-$13000
Advertising Account Exec	Hist	Definite	$10000-$13000
Advertising Representative	Phil	Definite	Above $15000
Ass't Aud. Student Loans	Math	Definite	$10000-$13000
Ass't Customer Serv Mgr	Pol Sci	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Assistant Manager	Soc	Stopgap	$8000-$10000
Assistant Manager	Econ	Definite	$5000-$8000
Assistant Personnel Dir.	Eng	Stopgap	$8000-$10000
Assistant Store Manager	Psych	Possible	$8000-$10000
Auditor	Psych	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Baker	Special	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Bank Teller	Pol Sci	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Bank Teller	Psych	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Branch Manager	Hist	Possible	$8000-$10000
Buyer	Hist	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Calculator System Sales	Soc	Definite	Above $15000
Carpet Cleaner	Pol Sci	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Casualty Claim Adjuster	Psych	Definite	$10000-$13000
Chief Sales Engineer	Psych	Definite	$10000-$13000
Claim Representative	Psych	Possible	$10000-$13000
Claims Adjuster	Soc	Definite	$5000-$8000
Clerical	Phil	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Clerk--Railroad	Hist	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Commodity Clerk	Econ	Definite	$8000-$10000
Communications Consultant	Psych	Definite	$13000-$15000
Company Sales Marketing	Hist	Possible	$13000-$15000
Computer Programmer	Soc	Definite	$13000-$15000
Computer Programmer	Math	Stopgap	$13000-$15000
Computer Programmer	Soc	Definite	$8000-$10000
Correctional Counselor	Pol Sci	Definite	$13000-$15000
Credit Correspondent	Eng	Possible	$8000-$10000
Delta Stewardess	Eng	Possible	Above $15000
Department Manager	Anthro	No Answer	$8000-$10000
Dept Mgr--Discount Store	Soc	Definite	$8000-$10000
Difference Analyst	Psych	Possible	$5000-$8000
District Sales Manager	Soc	Definite	$10000-$13000
District Sales Manager	Span	Definite	Above $15000
Division Manager	Hist	Definite	$10000-$13000
Document Control Co-ord	Soc	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Editor	Span	Definite	$10000-$13000
Electrician	Hist	Definite	$10000-$13000
Employment Supervisor	Psych	Possible	$10000-$13000
Engineer	Math	Stopgap	$10000-$13000

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OCCUPATION	COLLEGE MAJOR	CAREER POTENTIAL	YEARLY SALARY (1974)
BUSINESS/INDUSTRY			
Flight Attendant	Soc	Possible	$10000-$13000
File Clerk	Hist	Stopgap	Below $5000
Hotel Manager	Eng	Definite	$10000-$13000
Industrial Sales Service	Pol Sci	Possible	$10000-$13000
Insurance Adjuster	Hist	Definite	$10000-$13000
Insurance Adjuster	Soc	Possible	$8000-$10000
Insurance Adjuster	Pol Sci	Stopgap	$8000-$10000
Insurance Agent	Psych	Definite	$8000-$10000
Insurance Supervisor	Psych	Definite	$10000-$13000
Inventory Control	Psych	Possible	$10000-$13000
Inventory Control Clerk	Phil	Other	$8000-$10000
Jr Computer Programmer	Math	Definite	$13000-$15000
Lab Technician	Hist	Possible	$10000-$13000
Laborer	Psych	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Leasing Coordinator	Psych	Unconcerned	$13000-$15000
Legislative Lobbyist	Pol Sci	Definite	Above $15000
Machine Assembler	Pol Sci	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Maintenance Supervisor	Special	Other	$10000-$13000
Management Trainee	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Meat Cutter	Pol Sci	Other	$13000-$15000
Medical Data Coordinator	Phil	Possible	$8000-$10000
Meter Reader	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Mgr (Currency Exchange)	Pol Sci	Possible	$5000-$8000
Mgr Modern Oper Design	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Mgr Trainee - Hardware	Psych	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Office Manager	Pol Sci	Definite	Above $15000
Office Technician	Eng	Possible	$8000-$10000
Oil Field Worker	Anthro	Unconcerned	$10000-$13000
Operations Manager	Hist	Possible	$13000-$15000
Owner of Masonry Firm	Hist	Definite	Above $15000
Owner of Motel	Pol Sci	Unconcerned	$10000-$13000
Paralegal Office Manager	German	Definite	$10000-$13000
Parts Manager	Hist	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Personnel Dept	Pol Sci	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Personnel Secretary	Psych	Definite	$5000-$8000
Photographer Assistant	Psych	Possible	$10000-$13000
Procedure Analyst	Soc	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Production Control	Eng	Definite	$10000-$13000
Production Planner	Math	Definite	$10000-$13000
Production Supervisor	Psych	Definite	Above $15000
Purchasing Agent	Psych	Definite	$10000-$13000
Purchasing Data Supervisr	Hist	Possible	$10000-$13000
Rate Clerk Secretary	Phil	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Real Estate Broker	Soc	Definite	Above $15000
Real Estate Salesman	Span	Definite	$8000-$10000
Realtor Associate	Span	Definite	$13000-$15000
Receptionist For Attorney	Phil	Possible	Below $5000

OCCUPATION	COLLEGE MAJOR	CAREER POTENTIAL	YEARLY SALARY (1974)
BUSINESS/INDUSTRY			
Record Store Owner	Eng	Definite	$5000-$8000
Rental Manager	Hist	Stopgap	$8000-$10000
Reporter Editor Newspaper	Pol Sci	Definite	$5000-$8000
Reservation Info Clerk	Soc	Definite	$10000-$13000
Restaurant Manager	Math	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Revenue Requirements	Math	Definite	$13000-$15000
Route Sales/Delivery	Hist	Unconcerned	Below $5000
Sales	Soc	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Sales & Consultant	Psych	Other	$10000-$13000
Sales Agent	Hist	Definite	(no answer)
Sales Coordinator	Soc	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Sales Engineer	Psych	Definite	$10000-$13000
Sales Manager	Pol Sci	Definite	Above $15000
Sales Manager	Psych	Definite	$8000-$10000
Sales Representative	Soc	Definite	(no answer)
Sales Representative	Psych	Possible	$13000-$15000
Sales Representative	Soc	Definite	$8000-$10000
Sales Representative	Pol Sci	Definite	Above $15000
Sales Representative	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Sales Representative	Soc	Definite	$10000-$13000
Sales Representative	Hist	Definite	$13000-$15000
Salesman	Soc	Definite	$10000-$13000
Salesman	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Salesman	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Salesman	Hist	Stopgap	$13000-$15000
Salesman	Hist	Possible	$10000-$13000
Secretary To Sales Manager	Eng	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Secretary	Eng	Possible	$8000-$10000
Secretary	Psych	Possible	$8000-$10000
Secretary/Dance Director	Soc	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Security Representative	German	Definite	$13000-$15000
Security Supervisor	Pol Sci	Possible	$5000-$8000
Self Empl: Dir Audiology	Psych	Definite	Above $15000
Senior Asst Manager	Hist	Definite	$8000-$10000
Service Mgr Audio Tech	Pol Sci	Possible	$13000-$15000
Service Representative	Eng	Possible	$10000-$13000
Sheet Metal Apprentice	Psych	Possible	$10000-$13000
Sr Mgr Consultant	Hist	Definite	Above $15000
Sr Systems Programmer	Psych	Possible	$13000-$15000
Staff Asst-Records Mngmnt	Math	Definite	$10000-$13000
Stockboy	Eng	Stopgap	Below $5000
Store Manager	Soc	Stopgap	$13000-$15000
Supervisor Foreman	Geog	Definite	Above $15000
Systems Analyst	Math	Definite	$13000-$15000
Systems Analyst	Math	Definite	$13000-$15000
Systems Analyst/Comp Prog	Eng	Definite	$8000-$10000
Tax Shelter Annuity Rep	Psych	Stopgap	$8000-$10000

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BUSINESS/INDUSTRY			
Tech Asst: Metal Engr	Eng	Definite	$10000-$13000
Truck Driver	Soc	(no answer)	Above $15000
Truck Driver	Pol Sci	Stopgap	Above $15000
Typesetter	Eng	Possible	$10000-$13000
GOVERNMENT			
Administrative Assistant	Eng	Possible	$10000-$13000
Administrative Assistant	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Air Traffic Control Spec	Math	Definite	$10000-$13000
Assistant City Manager	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Caseworker	Hist	Stopgap	$8000-$10000
City Planner	Pol Sci	Definite	$8000-$10000
Claims Examiner	Pol Sci	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Clerk Typist	Anthro	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Co-ord: Career Counseling	Psych	Definite	$13000-$15000
Computer Programmer	German	Definite	$10000-$13000
Computer Programmer	Psych	Definite	$10000-$13000
Coordinator: Devel Disabl	Eng	Definite	Above $15000
Correctional Academy	Psych	Possible	$13000-$15000
Division of Youth Services	Soc	Other	$8000-$10000
IL Dept Pub Aid Case Aide	Soc	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Industrial Representative	Pol Sci	Possible	Above $15000
Letter Carrier	Psych	Unconcerned	$10000-$13000
Medical Asst Consultant	Hist	Definite	$10000-$13000
Mental Health Spec II	Psych	Definite	$10000-$13000
Mental Health Specialist	Psych	Possible	$10000-$13000
Mental Hygiene Therapist	Soc	Possible	$8000-$10000
Neighborhood Worker	Soc	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Parole, Prob. Supervisor	Psych	Definite	$8000-$10000
Police Youth Officer	Soc	Definite	$13000-$15000
Postal Clerk	Psych	Possible	$8000-$10000
Probation Officer	Soc	Definite	$10000-$13000
Psychologist	Psych	Definite	Above $15000
Public Aid Representative	Soc	Stopgap	$8000-$10000
Public Aid Caseworker	Soc	Possible	$8000-$10000
Public Info Specialist	Psych	Other	$8000-$10000
Rehabilitation Counselor	Psych	Possible	$8000-$10000
Senior Personnel Analyst	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Socialworker Caseworker	Soc	Definite	$5000-$8000
Space Planning Specialist	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Supt Public Aid	Psych	Possible	$10000-$13000
Trooper (State Police)	Pol Sci	Definite	$8000-$10000
Urban Planner III	Geog	Other	$13000-$15000
Youth Service Counselor	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Youth Officer	Pol Sci	Definite	Above $15000

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OCCUPATION	COLLEGE MAJOR	CAREER POTENTIAL	YEARLY SALARY (1974)
EDUCATION			
Administrative Assistant	Special	Possible	$8000-$10000
Asst Dir - Research	Math	Definite	$10000-$13000
Computer Operator	Math	Definite	$8000-$10000
Cook	Psych	Stopgap	Below $5000
Dir Of Men's Housing	Psych	Possible	$10000-$13000
Elementary Teacher	Span	Definite	$10000-$13000
English Teacher	Eng	Definite	$8000-$10000
French Spanish Teacher	French	Definite	$8000-$10000
Health Professions Advsr	Soc	Possible	$8000-$10000
High School English Teach	Eng	Stopgap	$8000-$10000
High School Teacher	Math	Definite	$8000-$10000
High School Teacher	Pol Sci	Definite	$5000-$8000
Math Teacher	Math	Possible	$10000-$13000
Museum Preparator/Curator	Anthro	Possible	$8000-$10000
Permanent Substitute	Soc	(no answer)	$8000-$10000
Reading Teacher	Eng	Possible	$10000-$13000
Research Secretary	Special	Unconcerned	$5000-$8000
School Psychologist	Psych	Definite	$10000-$13000
Secretary IV	Psych	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Secretary Transcriber	Soc	Possible	$5000-$8000
Secretary-Stenographer	French	Other	$5000-$8000
Sr. High Eng Teacher	Eng	Possible	$8000-$10000
Supervisor: Handicapped	Pol Sci	Definite	(no answer)
Teacher	Eng	Definite	$5000-$8000
Teacher	Math	Definite	$8000-$10000
Teacher	Span	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Teacher	Eng	Possible	$8000-$10000
Teacher	Span	Definite	$8000-$10000
Teacher	Eng	Possible	$5000-$8000
Teacher	Eng	Possible	$10000-$13000
Teacher	Hist	Other	$5000-$8000
Teacher	Pol Sci	Possible	$8000-$10000
Teacher	Span	Definite	$8000-$10000
Teacher Assistant	Soc	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Teacher Corps Intern	Soc	Definite	$5000-$8000
Teacher Vocational Educ	Pol Sci	Stopgap	$8000-$10000
Teacher-English	Eng	Unconcerned	$8000-$10000
OTHER NON-PROFIT			
Activity Director	Psych	Definite	$8000-$10000
Activity Therapy Co-ord	Psych	Definite	$10000-$13000
Assist Dir Of Admin	Psych	Stopgap	$10000-$13000
Assistant Workshop Dir	Psych	Possible	$8000-$10000
Asst Dir Of Membership	Psych	Possible	$13000-$15000
Asst Dir, Campus Ministry	Hist	Unconcerned	Below $5000

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OCCUPATION	COLLEGE MAJOR	CAREER POTENTIAL	YEARLY SALARY (1974)
OTHER NON-PROFIT			
Child Care Worker	Phil	Definite	$5000-$8000
Clerk Program Aide	Psych	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Driver Ed Coordinator	Hist	Definite	$10000-$13000
Family Counselor	Soc	Definite	Above $15000
Intern Pastor	Soc	Definite	$5000-$8000
Mental Health Technician	Psych	Stopgap	$8000-$10000
Psychiatric Technician	Psych	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Rehab Counselor	Psych	Definite	$10000-$13000
Research Fellow	Psych	Definite	$8000-$10000
Vocational Counselor	Soc	Possible	$8000-$10000
Work Supervisor	Psych	Definite	$5000-$8000
OTHER			
Activity Therapist	Psych	Stopgap	$5000-$8000
Bus Driver	Soc	Stopgap	$13000-$15000
Golf Professional	Soc	Definite	$10000-$13000
Officer Manager	Pol Sci	Definite	$10000-$13000
Physician Assistant	Eng	Definite	$10000-$13000
Rehb Counselor	Psych	Definite	$8000-$10000
Supervisor Mail Room	Phil	Stopgap	$8000-$10000

RAW DATA SUMMARY

Number of 1972 liberal arts graduates: 735
Number of graduates with available current addresses: 617
Number of respondents: 375 Response rate: 60.8%

ALL GRADUATES

Personal Data

Sex: 65.6% male 34.4% female
Marital Status: 47.7% married 49.1% not married 3.3% other
Teaching Certification: 15.8% yes 84.2% no

Labor Force Status

14.1% not in labor force
85.9% in labor force
unemployment rate: 7.5% of those in labor force

Enrollment Status

70.4% not enrolled in a college or university
11.5% enrolled part-time
18.1% enrolled full-time
62.5% of full-time enrollees in graduate school
37.5% of full-time enrollees in professional school

Advanced Degree Status

12.0% holding advanced degree

GRADUATES EMPLOYED FULL-TIME

Type of Employing Organization

58.1% business/industry	6.4% other non-profit
15.5% government	3.4% other
14.3% education	2.3% military

Career Area (selected)

18.0% management	7.8% counseling
14.1% sales and marketing	6.3% clerical
9.0% teaching	5.1% research and investigation

Type of Business/Industry (selected)

14.9% banking/insurance	9.7% manufacturing industrial goods
14.9% retail/wholesale trade	7.8% transportation/public utilities
9.7% manufacturing consumer goods	7.1% service industries

Size of Business/Industry

48.7% one of the largest
21.1% larger than most
19.7% about average in size
7.9% smaller than most
2.6% one of the smallest

Relationship of Job to Major Field of Study

20.4% directly related
28.8% somewhat related
19.6% not related: by own choice
31.2% not related: nothing related found

Job Satisfaction

76.5% yes 23.5% no

Job Assessment

49.0% definite career potential
22.2% possible career potential
21.5% temporary: until better job found
4.2% uninterested in career potential
3.1% other

Annual Earnings

2.7% below $5,000
18.4% $5,000-$7,999
26.4% $8,000-$9,999
33.0% $10,000-$12,999
10.3% $13,000-$14,999
9.2% $15,000 and above

ALL GRADUATES

Evaluation of Liberal Arts Degree (If you had it to do all over again.

43.3% the same or another liberal arts major
27.2% liberal arts major plus job-related courses
23.4% job-related major
6.0% other

The Major Goal of Education: While in College Vs. the Present

	While in College	At Present
Well-rounded general education	71.4%	43.2%
Detailed grasp of a special field	23.5%	22.4%
Training and skills for an occupation	5.1%	34.3%

Need for Career Preparation in Academic Programs

73.6% yes 22.9% no 3.5% no answer

Suggestions for Future Students

45.9% a better idea of what they would like to do
49.9% consideration of a wider range of careers
45.9% more marketable skills
56.0% ability to conduct an effective job search
18.7% need for an early search
15.5% other (including 8% suggesting work experience)

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE

The College of Liberal Arts at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale has the following departments: Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, English, Foreign Languages and Literatures (French, German, Russian, Spanish), Geography, History, Linguistics, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Religious Studies. A student may also form a "Special Major" in several areas or may select courses from several disciplines that relate to his or her particular goal.

Minors are offered in: African Studies, Asian Studies, Chinese, Comparative Literature, Earth Science, Greek, Japanese, and Latin, as well as in most of those areas listed as majors.

Within the various departments several additional concentrations are also available, such as Creative Writing in the English Department and Urban Planning in the Geography Department.

The College has recently worked out a joint program with the School of Technical Careers here at SIU-C. The program is called LibTech, and it is a way of integrating a liberal arts education with technical career training.

For more information about the College of Liberal Arts, a letter or call to the Dean's Office, College of Liberal Arts, will receive prompt attention. The telephone number is (618) 453-2466.